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### **District Man Pleads Guilty in Recent Beating** **-Victim's Head Wounds Required at Least 20 Stitches to Close -**

WASHINGTON - Demarcus Mahone, 18, also known as "Markey Low," pled guilty today to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon in connection with a recent attack of a man in Northeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Mahone, of Washington, D.C., pled guilty in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary scheduled sentencing for August 26, 2011. Mahone faces a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

According to the government's evidence, on March 18, 2011, at about 1:45 a.m., Mahone and others were sitting inside the living room of the victim's home, in the 1700 block of H Street NE. Mahone and the victim, 47, got into a verbal argument about illegal narcotics. The argument turned physical. Mahone used an asp baton to strike the victim repeatedly over the head. Mahone then fled the scene. The victim called the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and was taken to a hospital, where he received at least 20 stitches to his head.

Two days later, the victim called MPD to report seeing Mahone at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Benning Road NE. Police officers picked up the victim in their marked MPD car, and drove around that area to canvass for the defendant. As they traveled through the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> and H Streets NE, the victim spontaneously declared, "That's him," while pointing to a man seated in the rear of a home. Mahone then fled into the house.

Officers walked up to the house and asked the residents if anyone had just run inside. Both residents denied that anyone else was there. During the police interview, officers observed Mahone leaving the house from a second-floor window. The victim again pointed at Mahone, stating, "That's him." In the short time that he was inside the residence, Mahone had changed his clothing and had also attempted to shave his head. Police then placed Mahone under arrest.

At the police station, the defendant admitted that he was the person who had struck the victim in the head with a metal object.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen commended MPD Detective Anthony Commodore, of the Fifth District Criminal Investigation Division, who led the investigation, as well as Detectives Brian Ceasar, Dwayne Jackson, and William Talbert. He also cited the efforts of Officers Helen Andrews, Patrick Brescia, Debra Campbell, Sean Conboy, Douglas Hain, Courtney Peyton, Jeffrey Philips, Benjamin Rubin, and Glenn Smith, and Crime Scene Technician Nina Sylvester. Finally, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed appreciation to Paralegal Kalisha Johnson-Clark, who prepared the case for indictment, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Eaton, who conducted the pre-indictment investigation and is prosecuting the case.

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